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COMMITTEE ON CROP INSURANCE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether C.P. Swarnkar Committee set up for Optional Crop Insurance Scheme has submitted its report to the Government;

(b) if so, the recommendations of said Committee; and

(c) the action being taken by the Government on these recommendations?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a)to(c): A Working Group under the Chairmanship of Shri C.P.Swarankar, constituted by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to examine the procedures and processes for Agricultural Loans has already submitted its report to the RBI. The major recommendations of the Group are regarding further simplification of the procedures and processes for availing agricultural loans. A reference has also been made for making the crop insurance scheme optional to the farmers. The RBI has already implemented some of the recommendations. These are: dispensing the requirement of `no due` certificate for small loans up to Rs.50,000/-; acceptance of certificate issued by local administration/panchayati raj institutions regarding cultivation of crops in case of landless cultivators and setting up of credit counseling centres for farmers.